

next generations. By doing this, he has created irreplaceable opportunities which would not have existed for these children without him. By remaining personally involved in their experiences and progress, he has empowered them to believe in the importance of their own efforts and to commit themselves to carrying others up behind him, as he has done for so many years. Dr. Smith has shown our community that we can live our lives with eloquence, devotion, and with a deep respect for all of God's children.

In Pastor Smith's retirement years, it is certain that he and his brilliant and beautiful wife, the Reverend Bernestine Farley-Smith, will continue to contribute to our society immensely and spread the benefits of their many collective years of experience by serving their community, enjoying their family, and most importantly walking and talking with God.

Today, the residents of California's 9th and 13th Congressional Districts join with the members of Allen Temple Baptist Church, its community allies, fellow congregations, and Pastor Smith's loving family to celebrate his years of service and wish him a most happy and fruitful retirement. Our sincere gratitude goes out to Dr. Smith's three sons, two daughters, fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren for sharing this visionary leader and wonderful human being with us. We are all better people for having had the blessing of this man's friendship and guidance. May he and his wife rejoice and enjoy their time together for many happy years to come.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF JIM TURNER

#### HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a valued staff member—James H. Turner, Jr.—who will retire at the end of this year from the staff of the Committee on Science and Technology. As the Chief Counsel for the Full Committee, Jim's expertise in law and science policy is unmatched.

Jim first came to Capitol Hill as Legislative Counsel for Congressman Gary Myers in 1975. During his 29 years of working on the Hill, Jim has served many roles for the Committee, including Technology Team Leader and Subcommittee Staff Director. He has worked across the board on the Committee's legislative agenda, especially in the areas of technology and energy policy. In addition, Jim's dedication and hard work were crucial to the creation and passage of the Stevenson-Wydler Act and the Bayh-Dole Act which reshaped technology transfer policy. Also, Jim played a key role in the development and maintenance of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program.

Jim holds degrees from Georgetown and Yale Universities and from Westminster College and attended the Senior Managers in Government Program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Before his time on the Committee, Jim worked for Wheelabrator-Frye, Congressman Myers, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In addition,

he served on the Clinton Presidential transition team and as a social worker for the state of Connecticut.

Outside of work, Jim is involved in his church as a Chairperson for the St. Columba's Episcopal Church Outreach Steering Committee. Jim also dedicates his time to advising young people as a mentor for the Georgetown University Law School and as the Washington Coordinator for the MIT/UVA summer internship program. Over the years, Jim has been known for his efforts in helping young professionals obtain jobs and providing ongoing career advice.

Madame Speaker, Jim's dedication and work ethic have made him a valued member of the Committee staff. I know that all of the Science and Technology Committee's Members and staff wish him and his wife Betty well in their journey ahead. In closing, I just want to say thank you, Jim, for your many years of dedicated public service. You will be missed.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOE BOLGER

#### HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one of Jackson County's finest political leaders, Joe Bolger, Jr. who died on November 18, 2008. He grew up proud of his Eastern Jackson County roots. He attended the University of Missouri and graduated with a bachelor of science in 1955. By the age of 36 he was happily married to Joanne Kobe Bolger and had three children, Kathleen, Brian and Craig. By this time in his life, he had garnered the respect of his community as he served as president of the Jackson County Chamber and had been appointed to the State Water Pollution Board by Missouri Governor Warren E. Hearnes. With the support of friends and family he entered the political arena running for the Democratic nomination for Jackson County Eastern District Judge, a seat that had been held by President Harry S. Truman. He filed his papers at the Jackson County Clerk's office in the Independence Courthouse, which he insisted was the real county seat, a debate that continues today.

In 1970 Joe Bolger, Jr. was elected Eastern Judge of Jackson County, joining Presiding Judge George W. Lehr and Western Judge Harry Wiggins. All three judges were in their 30's with Joe Bolger, Jr. being the youngest of the judges. They were a dynamic combination and set Jackson County on a path of prosperity and growth. He was a strong advocate and defender for Eastern Jackson County. He believed in listening and learning from his constituents. While fighting for the rights of Eastern Jackson County, Joe Bolger, Jr. stated in The Kansas City Star article, "We would like to look upon you as our big brother. . . . not be seen as stepchildren. The eastern and western districts are two different worlds, and I'm not pleased with your attitude toward the balance of the county." He spoke of the future and warned that the population would soon shift outside Kansas City. He fought for the sports complex, infrastructure improvements, economic opportunities, and better schools.

He served for two years, 1971 and 1972. History will record that he was the last Eastern

Jackson County Judge. In his last year, 1972, the Truman Sports Complex opened in Eastern Jackson County. We were the talk of the sports nation as we cut the ribbon on the top designed major league facilities.

By 1973, Jackson County had adopted a charter form of government, consisting of a County Executive and 15 legislators. Joe Bolger Jr. was voted to continue his service as a member of the original 15 legislators, representing northeast Jackson County. He was a powerful voice as he served with three Jackson County Executives. After the second County Executive, Mike White, decided not to run for another term, many asked Joe Bolger, Jr. to run but he declined. He served on the Jackson County Legislature for ten years, leaving all of Jackson County a better place to live. He brought industry and commerce to Eastern Jackson County and watched as the population grew. He was instrumental in the Little Blue Valley Sewer District and the continued development of Eastern Jackson County. He believed in a Truman style of government of plain speaking and respect for his community. He will always be remembered as highly intelligent, a caring father, and advocate for his constituency.

Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to the life and accomplishments of Joe Bolger, Jr. His legacy lives on in Jackson County as his work and dedication lead to the betterment of our community. I urge my colleagues of the 110th Congress to join me in remembering a great man from Eastern Jackson County.

#### HONORING NANCY HICKS MAYNARD

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and accomplishments of one of our nation's greatest trailblazers. The renowned journalist and activist for truth in media, Nancy Hicks Maynard, passed away on September 21, 2008 at the age of 61. Her vivacious and extraordinary presence will be greatly missed, however her life's work has ensured that future generations will continue to benefit from her courageous impact indefinitely.

A news pioneer and the first African-American woman to own a major daily newspaper in America, Nancy Hicks Maynard was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her incredible journalism career began in 1966 when, outraged by inaccurate and destructive reporting on her neighborhood, Nancy broke onto the scene as a reporter for the New York Post at the age of 20.

From there she went on to work at the New York Times. At that time she was the Times' youngest staff reporter. However, that did not prevent Nancy from covering the hottest issues. From the Apollo space missions to African-American student takeovers at Columbia and Cornell universities, and the mid-sixties urban rebellions, Nancy was on the ground working nonstop to ensure that these stories were reaching the public not only through an objective lens, but from the viewpoint of a young person of color—something shamefully nonexistent in the media at that time.